

ANNUAL REPORTS
OF THE
TOWN OFFICERS
OF
GILSUM, N. H.
FOR THE YEAR ENDING
FEBRUARY 15, 1915



MARLBORO', N. H.
W. L. METCALF, ELECTRIC PRINTER
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SELECTMEN'S REPORT.

INVOICE APRIL 1, 1914

118 Polls,	
10367 Acres, land and buildings,	\$200,047 00
148 Horses,	13,379 00
3 Mules,	225 00
14 Oxen,	1,340 00
99 Cows,	4,652 00
32 Neat Stock,	835 00
25 Sheep,	81 00
525 Fowls,	381 00
5 Vehicles and Automobiles,	436 00
3 Portable Mills	650 00
Wood and lumber,	12,398 00
Stock in banks and other corporations,	4,980 00
Money on hand and at interest,	1,200 00
Stock in trade,	5,553 00
Mills, Factories and Machinery,	7,800 00
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Total valuation,	\$253,957 00
Soldier's exemption,	6,061 00
Exempt by vote of town,	7,800 00
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Assessed valuation,	\$240,096 00

APPROPRIATIONS MARCH 1914

Town Officers,	\$350 00
Highways and Bridges,	1,000 00
State and County Taxes,	1,050 00

State road maintenance,	175 00
State road construction,	372 00
Street lights,	215 00
Support of poor,	275 00
Public cemeteries, special fund,	25 00
Town charges,	1 00
Interest on School fund,	18 00
Insurance, town buildings and library,	10 00
Interest on town debt,	300 00
Paying town debt,	500 00
Fire department,	100 00
Town library and librarian,	75 00
Straightening road to E. H. Newell's farm,	15 00
For town Water supply,	300 00
Iron bridge abutments,	100 00
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	4881 00
Support of schools,	1100 00
Supplies,	50 00
Tuitions,	66 66
Insurance,	22 00
Salaries of Officers,	77 00
Flag,	3 25
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	1318 91
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Total appropriations,	6199 91
Taxes committed to Collector,	6,193 77
Rate of Tax on \$ 100. Valuation,	2 50

EXPENDITURES

Bills allowed by vote of Town		
Aaron W. Field,	Selectman,	\$ 100 00
Hunter C. Kingsbury,	"	61 20
William H. Adams,	"	58 00

Herbert E. Adams, Town Clerk,	18 62
“ “ “ Treasurer,	17 50
Phin M. Wright, Moderator,	3 00
William A. Wilder, Police,	7 50
E. A. Porter, “	12 00
Harry G. Williams, M. D., reporting births and deaths,	2 25
Osmon H. Hubbard, Ass't Treasurer,	2 50
John A. Smith, Auditor,	1 50
John H. Laing, “	1 50
“ “ storings weights and measurers,	1 00
Geo. E. Downing, ½ cord soft wood, D.A. Howard,	1 00
Hunter C. Kiugsbury, work on Polley bridge,	4 79
Chas. H. Blake, breaking roads,	5 00
Lansing W. Wilder, “ “	5 40
Albert L. Thayer, “ “	9 37
Chas. Britton, “ “	1 25
Frank E. Smith, dog constable,	5 00
“ “ breaking roads,	3 00
Fred S. “ “	2 00
John A. Smith, ¼ cord wood (sawed)	1 13
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	\$324 51

ORDINARY TOWN CHARGES

W. L. Metcalf, printing Town Reports,	\$25 05
Supplies for road scraper,	12 50
A. D. Wright, Street Lights,	50 00
Helen W. Smith, Librarian,	50 00
W. H. Adams, bounty on hedgehogs,	5 00
Frank E. Smith, storing road scraper,	4 00
A. L. Thayer, freight, scraper supplies and stove,	50
John H. Laing, bounty, hedgehogs,	3 20
W. H. Adams, “ “	3 20
J. E. Isham, sign boards,	1 00
O. H. Hubbard, sign boards for Board of Health,	1 50
Adams & Ballou, bridge plank,	5 97

A. D. Wright, Street Lights,	50 00
F. H. Britton, care south cemetery,	3 00
E. O. Corey, mowing Centennial cemetery,	10 00
W. H. Adams, bounty on hedgehogs,	5 00
J. H. Laing, fire warden, (forest)	2 10
L. R. Guillow, abutment at Collin's bridge,	187 11
W. H. Adams, bounty on hedgehogs,	5 00
John W. Storrs, examining and report on bridge,	35 62
H. E. Lake, tuning piano in 1912,	2 50
I. A. Loveland, insurance on Library,	3 36
F. O. Cross, building abutments and grading, Polly bridge,	374 00
A. E. Fish, 2 voting booths,	15 50
W. L. Nims, printing for Library,	3 22
W. H. Adams, bounty on hedgehogs,	5 00
Carl White, work on water works,	12 25
Horace W. Howard, " " "	12 25
John L. White, " " "	12 25
W. H. Adams, " " "	13 25
L. N. Gove, " " "	18 00
J. H. Laing, " " "	18 00
Harry Dinsmore, " " "	1 75
L. R. Wheeler and team, " "	7 00
J. A. Smith, lumber, " "	4 32
W. H. Adams, bounty on hedgehogs,	5 00
J. M. Prentice, 4 lamp poles,	10 00
L. R. Wheeler, building Newell road,	17 00
F. E. Smith, pay-roll, Fearless Engine Co.,	90 00
J. H. Laing, work on water works,	29 75
" " watering trough, Marlow road,	9 95
S. J. Wilder, town well and water rights,	50 00
Marietta E. Gleason, deed " "	11 00
Mary A. Hammond, " " "	11 00
County Tax,	788 94
William A. Wilder, Police officer,	2 25
J. H. Laing, forest fire warden,	23 35
Frank E. Smith, 1 cord wood for lock up,	4 00

A. L. Thayer, freight, lamp poles, lead pipe,	2 45
United Construction Co., Albany, N. Y., New Iron Bridge and erecting bridge at Pollysite,	1,475 00
C. C. Buffum, recording 3 deeds,	1 50
L. N. Gove, work on iron bridge,	6 38
W. H. Adams, " " "	1 65
Bullard & Shedd Co., Anti Toxine, L. Lepage,	36 80
Jehial White, work on Iron bridge,	4 14
Woodbury Corey, " " "	2 99
Chas. Blake, gravel, " "	90
J. H. Laing, forest fire warden,	168 43
" " board of health,	2 40
John L. White, supervisor check list, 1913-14,	10 00
" " ballot inspector,	2 00
John E. Isham, " "	4 00
E. O. Corey, " "	4 00
A. D. Wright, street lights,	75 00
State Tax,	448 00
O. H. Hubbard, storing town tools,	5 00
L. R. Wheeler, work and use of lumber at bridge,	4 00
" " moving Bardwell's boiler,	4 00
Wm. H. Adams, bounty on hedgehogs,	5 00
E. D. Banks, supervisor check list,	19 00
E. C. Banks, work on Iron bridge,	3 56
Knowlton & Stone, cement for bridge abutments,	73 63
C. D. Green, work at Collins bridge,	1 36
O. H. Hubbard, supervisor check list,	6 00
N. O. Maynard, lumber for new Iron bridge,	81 70
L. R. Wheeler, " other bridge,	16 90
A. H. Beckwith, ballot inspector,	2 00
J. H. Laing, forest fire warden,	1 00
A. D. Wright, street lights,	40 00
L. N. Gove, special police, July 4,	1 00
Sewall & Co., lead pipe for water works,	71 12
" " Range for Town Hall,	7 50
Roy Nash, sexton, East cemetery,	2 00

P. M. Wright, moderator, 4 meetings,	8 00
P. M. Wright, work on door at Town Hall,	50
John A. Pletznér, steward, fire Co.,	4 58
W. H. Spalter, tax books, &c.	4 60
Board of Health,	29 52
F. A. Wilder, paint and oil,	1 87
Dr. H. G. Williams, services on board of health,	16 00
Dr. H. G. Williams medical attendance	
Frank White Quarantine,	7 50
Dr. H. G. Williams reporting deaths,	1 25
Elbert H. Pratt board of health,	3 00
John H. Laing, " "	13 50
Helen Hayward balance library appropriation	21 78
A. B. Palmar ins. on engine and hearse house,	3 38
Horace W. Howard work cemetery	1 50
Fred S. Smith driving hearse,	3 00
Bullard & Shedd Co. Formaldehyde,	1 50
Dr. Williams medical aid LePage, Quarantine,	18 00
Jennie C. Kenyon interest on note,	40 00
Effie Maloney Pomlow "	43 64
John Laing & Annie Adams "	23 54
Caroline O. Nash "	17 06
F. M. Roundy "	24 74
A. W. Bates "	23 66
Effie J. Wilder "	14 02
Emma I. Downing "	4 51
Eleanor Gravlin "	9 21
Emma I. Downing "	8 00
Ruth Bingham "	8 00
Josephine H. Carter "	28 00
Henry H. Carter "	16 00
Mary A. Hammond "	7 22
John H. Laing "	8 67
J. H. Laing & Annie E. Adams "	8 67
A. D. Wright collecting taxes assessed 1914	50 00
" " " bal. appropriation street lights,	35 00
J. A. Smith, postage, express, signs, &c.	5 76
E. O. Corey, town's poor bills,	422 96
" " salary, overseer poor,	10 00
" " supt. Centennial Cemetery,	5 00

B. F. Ballou, mdse. for town,	1 37
Elmer Porter, police services to date,	14 00
Jennie C. Kenyon, on note,	500 00
L. R. Guillow, perambulating town lines,	1 00
C. H. Hersey, retainer fee,	6 00
J. H. Laing, freight on lead pipe,	1 00
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RECAPITULATION

Bills allowed by vote of Town,	\$324 51
Ordinary Town charges,	6,072 56
Highways and Bridges,	918 48
Joint State-Road Construction,	372 00
State Road Maintenance,	178 52
Schools,	1,729 12
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	\$9,595 19

REPORT OF HIGHWAYS

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LESTER R. WHEELER, AGENT

MARCH

Roy Nash, 8 hours,	\$1 55
M. F. Wheeler, 9 hours,	1 75
L. R. Wheeler, 3 days,	6 00
“ “ bag Salt,	60
Leon Alexander team 1 day,	4 00
George White, 7 hours,	1 35
Woodbury Corey, 15 hours,	2 92
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	\$18 17

APRIL

L. H. Wheeler, 3 days,	\$6 00
Leon Alexander, 3 days, with team,	12 00
Grover White, 3 days, with team,	12 00
A. A. Blodgett, — 7 hours, “ “	3 10
Woodbury Corey, 3 days,	5 25
Harry Dinsmore, 3 “	5 25
George Hall, 2 days,	3 50
G. D. Woodward, 1 day,	1 75
Geo. White, 3 days,	5 25
G. D. Woodward, 15 hours, with team,	6 67
A. A. Blodgett, 2 days,	3 50
Chas. Blodgett, 2 days, with team,	8 00
H. W. Howard, 7 hours, with team,	3 10
R. T. Wheeler, 9 hours, “ “	4 00
Geo. Alexander, 9 “	1 75
F. T. Crain, 163 loads gravel,	8 15
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	\$89 27

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MAY

L. R. Wheeler,	11½ days,	\$23 00
Leon Alexander,	12½ " with team,	50 00
H. R. Dinsmore,	5⅔ " "	9 91
Densel A. Miller,	½ day,	87
H. W. Howard,	½ " "	87
John G. Guillow,	6 days,	10 50
Chas. Nevers,	10½ days,	18 37
A. A. Blodgett,	3 days,	5 25
Carl White,	7 " "	10 50
E. Blodgett,	1 day, team,	2 25
F. C. Waters,	1 day,	1 75
E. Blodgett,	" with team,	4 00
Adams & Ballou,	1 day team,	2 25
" " "	" with team,	4 00
R. G. Wheeler,	2 days, with team,	8 00
Chas. Blodgett,	2 days, with team,	8 00
F. C. Chamberlain,	1 day,	1 75
Albert Downing,	1305 ft. plank,	23 49
Wm. A. Wilder,	1552 ft. plank,	27 93
L. R. Wheeler,	779 ft. plank,	6 22
L. R. Wheeler,	13½ # powder,	2 70
L. R. Wheeler,	29 caps,	1 16
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		\$222 77

JUNE

L. R. Wheeler,	17 days,	\$34 00
Leon Alexander,	16½ days with team,	66 00
H. R. Dinsmore,	4½ days,	7 56
Charles Nevers,	8½ days,	14 88
Charles Nevers,	2 days with team,	8 00
George Alexander,	15 days,	26 25
Carl Alexander,	2⅓ days,	3 49
F. H. Britton,	½ day,	87
Charles Blodgett,	9½ days, with team,	38 00
R. G. Wheeler,	2 days with team,	8 00
A. Flagg,	work,	50

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L. R. Wheeler,	4½ days team,	10 13
George White,	1½ day,	2 62
H. Wellman,	2 days,	3 50
M. F. White,	1 day,	1 75
E. A. Howard.	2 2-9 days with team,	8 80
Carl Alexander,	5 days,	6 25
M. F. Wheeler,	1 day, with team,	4 00
H. W. Howard,	2 days, with team,	8 00
R. Pletzner,	4 days,	7 00
George Howard,	3 days,	5 25
T. Kany,	½ day,	87
Adams & Ballou,	332 ft. plank, 42 ft. boards,	6 73
P. M. Wright,	work on scraper.	2 60
H. W. Howard,	60 loads gravel,	3 00
E. H. Newell,	15 loads gravel,	75
M. F. Wheeler,	days, with team,	8 00
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		\$286 80

JULY

L. R. Wheeler,	8½ days,	\$17 00
M. F. Wheeler,	3 days 3½ hours, with team,	13 55
Densel A. Miller	7 days,	12 25
Henry Cameron,	7 days,	12 25
Leon Alexander,	2 days,	3 50
E. Blodgett,	1 day,	1 75
Mrs. Carpenter,	oil and lighting lanterns,	50
Mrs. Carpenter,	10 loads gravel,	50
Charles Nevers,	1 day,	1 75
Drain pipe,		5 56
F. H. Britton,	2 days,	3 50
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		\$72 11

AUGUST

L. R. Wheeler,	59 hours,	\$13 11
Leon Alexander,	51½ hours with team,	22 89
L. R. Wheeler,	9 hours with team,	4 00
Geo. Alexander,	6 days,	10 50

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C. A. Nevers,	6 days,	10 50
Leon Alexander,	7½ hours,	1 44
M. F. Wheeler,	3½ days with team,	13 33
F. P. Crain,	14 loads, gravel,	70
ehial White,	5 loads gravel,	25
Powder and caps,		44
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		\$77 16

SEPTEMBER

L. R. Wheeler,	37 hours,	\$8 22
Leon Alexander,	2 days with team,	8 00
M. F. Wheeler,	2 days with team,	8 00
H. R. Dinsmore,	3 1-9 days,	5 44
George Alexander,	2 hours,	38
John Guillow,	2 days,	3 50
D. W. Bates,	7 hours,	1 35
Woodbury Corey,	1 hour,	19
	2393 ft. 3 inch plank,	47 86
J. Davis,	10 # powder,	1 00
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		\$83 94

OCTOBER AND NOVEMBER

L. R. Wheeler,	37 hours,	\$8 22
Grover White,	29 hours,	5 64
Grover White,	11 hours with team,	4 89
Leon Alexander,	14 hours with team,	6 22
M. F. Wheeler,	18 hours,	3 50
George Howard,	20 hours,	3 89
Leon Alexander,	31½ hours,	6 12
F. A. Wilder,	15 lbs nails,	45
H. W. Howard,	570 ft. lumber,	10 26
Wm. A. Wilder,	100 ft. lumber,	1 80
	Drain pipe, 16 ft. 8 in.	3 08
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		\$54 07

DECEMBER

L. R. Wheeler,	2 days,	\$4 00
Leon Alexander	1½ days,	2 37
R. E. Wheeler,	1½ day,	2 37
N. O. Maynard,	768 ft. Bridge plank,	16 90
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		\$25 64

JANUARY 1915

L. R. Wheeler,	1 day,	\$2 00
B. F. Ballou,	1 bushel salt,	70
Geo. F. Chamberlain,	1 day,	1 75
E. Blodgett		1 00
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		\$ 5 45
Total,		\$935 38

STATEMENT OF JOINT FUND ACCOUNT.

Made by State Supt. of Highways, Feb. 2, 1915

State Contribution,	\$2,351 85
Town “	391 95
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Total Joint fund,	\$2,743 80
Overdraft,	8 03
State disbursements,	\$142 50
Town disbursements approved,	2, 609 33
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Total disbursements,	\$2,751 83
Paid by State to Town, July 17, \$1,000 00	
July 31,	500 00
Aug. 28,	600 00
Sept. 28,	109 35
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Total,	\$2,351 85
S. PERCY HOOKER,	
State Supt. of Highways.	

STATEMENT OF T. L. MAINTENANCE ACCT.

By C. M. BROOKS, Division Engineer.

Town—1913 balance,	\$ 7 97	
1914 appropriation,	188 45	
	<hr/>	\$196 42
State—1913 balance,	\$137 97	
1914 appropriation,	738 45	
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Total fund,		\$1,072 84
Expended by B. E. Guillow,	\$834 80	
“ Selectmen,	26 90	
Bills paid by Town,	32 16	
State paid for rods,	1 24	
Adm. and Insp. account,	24 22	
	<hr/>	\$919 32
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Balance,		\$153 52
Paid by Town orders, \$192 97		
Balance in town treasury,	29 70	
Paid by State check,	752 60	
Balance in state treasury,	123 82	
Paid by State to Town,	\$153 52	
Treasurer, acct. of slide,	26 25	

I beg to call your attention to the balances in the State and Town Treasuries which remain for future expenditure and do not revert back.

Note

Town fund, \$196 42

Orders, 192 97

\$3 45

Plus State refund, 26 25

\$29 70

C. M. BROOKS,

Division Engineer.

LIABILITIES

Note of Jennie C. Kenyon, June 21, 1909, \$1,000	
Value of note, Feb. 15, 1914,	\$500 00
Note of Effie L. Malony, Nov. 1, 1909, 1,000	
Value of note, Feb. 15, 1915,	1,090 98
Note of John H. Laing and Annie L. Adams, Executors, Alex. Cuthbert, Est.	
May 27, 1910,	550
Value of note, Feb. 15, 1915,	588 37
Note of Caroline O. Nash, June 30, 1910,	400
Value of note, Feb. 15, 1915,	426 40
Note of F. W. Roundy, May 6, 1911,	600
Value of note, Feb. 15, 1915,	618 60
Note of A. M. Bates, Feb. 15, 1913,	591 51
Value of note, Feb. 15, 1915,	591 51
Note of Effie J. Wilder, Feb. 15, 1912,	350 38
Value of note, Feb. 15, 1915,	350 38
Note of Emma Downing, Feb. 15, 1912,	112 84
Value of note, Feb. 15, 1915,	112 84
Note of Eleanor Gravlin, July 16, 1912,	225
Value of note, Feb. 15, 1915,	230 25
Note of Ruth Bingham, June 23, 1913,	200
Value of note, Feb. 15, 1915,	200 00
Note of Emma I. Downing, June 23, 1913,	200
Value of note, Feb. 15, 1915,	200 00
Note of Josephine H. Carter, June 27, 1913,	700
Value of note, Feb. 15, 1915,	700 00
Note of Henry H. Carter, July 5, 1913,	400
Value of note, Feb. 15, 1915,	400 00
Note of Mary A. Hammond, Oct. 5, 1914,	500
Value of note, Feb. 15, 1915,	500 00
Note of John H. Laing and Annie L. Adams, Executors, Alex. Cuthbert, Est., Oct. 5, '14,	600
Value of note, Feb. 15, 1915,	600 00
Note of John H. Laing, Oct. 5, 1914,	600
Value of note, Feb. 15, 1915,	600 00

School fund,	300 00
D. W. Bill, Cemetery fund,	400 00
K. D. Webster, " "	22 40
Chas. W. Rawson, " "	100 00
Estimated due Town Officers,	300 00
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	\$8,831 75

ASSETS

Cash in Treasury,	\$464 79
Taxes due, assessed April 1914,	1,020 14
Interest due Feb. 15, 1915,	19 18
Taxes due, assessed April 1913,	12 42
Interest due Feb. 15, 1915,	1 48
Deed of Gilbert Guillow farm,	600 00
Due from County, account poor,	49 08
Due from State, account forest fires,	96 38
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	\$2,263 47
Debt of Town,	\$6,568 28
Increase of debt over last year,	\$2,121 69

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN A. SMITH,	} Selectmen of G ilsum
JOHN H. LAING,	
WILLIAM W. ADAMS,	

To meet the requirements of the law regarding bridges, we have erected a new Steel Bridge in place of the Collins Iron bridge, costing \$1,264 17.

The old Collins Bridge was moved and erected on the site of the wooden Polley Bridge at a cost, including abutments and grading of \$802 56.

JOHN A. SMITH,	} Selectmen of Gilsum
JOHN H. LAING.	
WILLIAM W. ADAMS,	

REPORT OF STREET LIGHT COMMITTEE

RECEIPTS

Cash on hand, Feb. 15, 1914,	\$20 80
Empty Bbls.	36 00
Gasoline sold,	4 10
Orders drawn on Town Treasurer,	250 00
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	\$310 90

EXPENDITURES

Best Light Co., supplies,	\$31 45
O. O. Cross, care of Lights,	120 55
E. A. Buck & Co., gasoline,	102 48
A. M. French, freight,	9 06
A. L. Thayer, freight,	30
Ernest Reed, freight,	1 09
A. D. Wright, setting poles,	5 50
“ “ 2x4 for arms,	20
“ “ repairing lamps,	1 25
Rent, care gasoline, supplies, etc.,	
\$1.50 per month,	18 00
Balance in hands of Street Light Committee,	21 02
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	\$310 90

ARTHUR D. WRIGHT.

Street Light Committee.

REPORT OF FEARLESS FIRE ENGINE CO.

Balance in Treasury Feb. 15. 1914,	\$ 41
Appropriation, 1914,	90 00
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	\$90 41
Paid out on pay roll,	90 12
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Balance in Treasury,	\$ 29
FRANK E. SMITH, Foreman.	

REPORT OF FIRE WARDEN

Aug. 14, 1914, received from Town Treasurer,	\$ 2 10
Nov. 14, " " " "	23 35
Nov. 23, " " " "	169 43
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Expended fighting forest fires,	\$194 88
JOHN H. LAING,	
Forest Fire Warden.	

REPORT OF OVERSEER OF POOR

Goods furnished Daniel Howard, from Feb. 15,	
1914 to Nov. 16, by B. F. Ballou,	\$109 03
Nov. 16, to Jan. 12, 8 weeks at \$10. per week,	80 00
Jan. 12 to Feb. 15, 5 weeks at \$6. per week,	30 00
Solmon Howard, care of Daniel Howard,	15 00
Henry Howard, 4 cords wood and sawing for	
Daniel Howard,	19 40
Dr. H. G. Williams, M. D., attendance to	
Daniel Howard,	44 00
Edward O. Corey, keeping 63 tramps, 30c. each,	18 90
F. A. Wilder, goods furnished Chamberlain family,	5 30
Frank E. Smith, 1 cord of wood,	4 00
Edward O. Corey, 1 cord of wood,	4 00
Sidney C. Gates, sawing wood,	1 00
M. D. Carpenter, 1 load wood for lock up,	1 75
Emily Minor, rent, J. S. Bingham, 10½ months,	10 50
Lizzie McCoy, board of Sidney C. Gates from	
Mar. 10, 1914, to Feb. 10, 1915,	94 58
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	\$437 46
Expenditures for County,	\$105 08
Received from the County,	56 00
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Due from County to balance.	\$49 08

EDWARD O. COREY,

Overseer of the Poor.

Expenditures for Town Poor,	\$332 38
Expenditures for County Poor,	105 08

REPORT OF BOARD OF HEALTH

O. H. Hubbard, painting 2 signs,	\$1 50
W. Corey, for services,	50
J. White, "	50
G. Shattuck, "	50
H. Wellman, "	50
P. M. Wright, making grapple iron,	40
Bullard & Shedd Co., Anti-toxine for LePage,	36 80
F. A. Wilder, supplies for LePage family while under quarentine,	29 52
H. G. Williams, medical services to LePage,	18 00
" " " " Frank White,	
while under quarentine,	7 50
Bullard & Shedd Co., 1 gal. formaldehyde.	1 50
Dr. H. G. Williams, services, Board Health,	16 00
J. H. Laing, " " "	13 50
Elbert H. Pratt, " " "	3 00

 \$129 72

H. G. WILLIAMS, M. D.	} Board of Health
J. H. LAING,	
E. H. PRATT,	

REPORT,
SUPT. CENTENNIAL CEMETERY

Paid Geo. Alexander, mowing Cent'l Cemetery,	\$10 00
" E. O. Corey, care	5 00
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	\$15 00
Sold Lot No. 344 to Mrs. Chas. Leach,	5 00
" " " 345 " E. A. Porter,	4 00
" " " 203 " W. A. Wilder Est.	5 00
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	\$14 00
Paid town treasurer,	9 00
Due from W. A. Wilder Est.	5 00
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	\$14 00

Respectfully submitted,
E. O. COREY, Supt.

REPORT

SUPT. OF VILLAGE CEMETERY

Paid A. E. Gorges, for resetting, Francis Horton's head stone,	\$1 50
Respectfully submitted,	
HORACE W. HOWARD, Supt.	

LIBRARY TRUSTEES

RECEIPTS

Cash on hand Feb. 15, 1914,	\$22 65
Appropriation,	75 00
Fines and catalogues,	1 31
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	\$98 96

DISBURSEMENTS

Books,	\$23 55
Supplements,	3 22
Salary of Librarian, Feb. 1, 1914 to Feb. 1, 1915,	50 00
Books,	21 78
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	\$98 55
Balance in treasury Feb. 10, 1915,	41

HELEN J. HAYWARD, Treasurer.

REPORT OF LIBRARIAN

The library now contains a few over 1600 catalogued books exclusive of state reports and government reports of which there are about 175. The town has purchased 25 books. The late Wm. A. Wilder shortly before his death presented his books to the library.

There have been supplements to the catalogues printed.

HELEN W. SMITH,
Librarian.

TRUSTEES	TERM EXPIRES
Helen J. Hayward,	1915
Chas. H. Blake,	1915
Orren O. Cross,	1915
Dr. O. H. Hubbard,	1916
Mary A. Hammond,	1916
Emma D. Woods,	1916
Hunter C. Kingsbury,	1917
Effie J. Wilder,	1917
Ida M. Williams,	1917

All Trustees are hereby notified to attend the annual business meeting held at the library the first Saturday evening following town meeting.

REPORT OF TOWN HALL COMMITTEE

From March 10, 1914 to Feb. 15, 1915

Received for use of hall,	\$100 04
Expended for wood, oil, &c.,	\$30 14
Janitor,	46 57
Paid town treasurer,	23 33
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	\$100 04

FRED S. SMITH,
Town Hall Committee.

REPORT OF TOWN HALL COMMITTEE

From Feb. 15, to March 10, 1914

Money rec'd for use of hall	\$12 60
Received from grange	6 90
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	\$19 50

DISBURSEMENTS

Fuel & supplies,	\$5 40
Opening hall for town,	2 50
Janitor,	4 50
Paid town treasurer,	7 10
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	\$19 50

A. F. ADAMS, Com.

TREASURERS REPORT

RECEIPTS

1914

Feb.	15,	Money in treasury,	\$815 87
April	9,	E. O. Corey, overseer of poor from County of Cheshire,	23 42
"	12,	" " Supt. Centennial Cem. sale lot No. 344,	5 00
"	19,	" " Supt. Centennial Cem. sale lot No. 345,	4 00
June	15,	Board of Health	11 50
"	30,	H. E. Adams, town clerk, dog licences	27 00
Aug.	6,	Selectmen, Bounty on hedgehogs,	11 40
"	31,	Est. Chas. W. Rawson, Cem. fund,	100 00
Sept.	22,	State treasurer, forest protection,	1 05
Oct.	5,	Selectmen borrowed,	500 00
"	5,	" " "	600 00
"	5,	" " "	600 00
"	7,	E. O. Corey, overseer poor from County of Cheshire,	56 00
"	22,	State treasurer, trunk line maintenance	13 45
"	31,	Selectmen sale of old stove and pole,	75
Dec.	1,	" Insurance tax,	3 75
"	1,	" Railroad tax,	28
"	1,	" Savings Bank tax,	271 72
"	1,	" Literary fund,	56 76
"	1,	" Proportion of School fund,	236 47

1915

Jan.	30,	" Sale of lead pipe, &c.,	2 56
"	30,	" Bounty on hedgehogs,	21 40

Feb. 12,	Fred S. Smith, Town Hall Com.	23 33
" 12,	P. M. Wright, Lamp,	3 00
" 13,	H. E. Adams, dog licences,	3 60
" 13,	F. A. Adams, Town Hall Com.	7 10
" 15,	State treasurer, trunk line maintenance	26 25
" 15,	Error in balance,	48 00
	A. D. Wright, collector tax, 1912	4 58
	A. D. Wright, " " 1913	1,530 84
	A. D. Wright, " " 1914	5,150 90

Total receipts	\$10,159 98
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EXPENDITURES

Paid out by order, selectmen,	\$6,595 19
Deposited in savings bank, Chas. Rawson, Cemetery fund,	100 00
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	\$9,695 19

Balance in treasury, Feb. 15, 1915,	\$464 79
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O. H. HUBBARD, Treasurer.

We hereby certify we have examined the accounts of the Selectmen, Road Agent, Street Light committee, Librarian, Overseer of Poor, Supt. of Cemeteries, Tax Collector and Town treasurer, and find them correctly cast and properly vouched.

L. R. GUILLOW,

E. H. PRATT,

Auditors.

Report State Tax Commission 1914

INCREASE IN PUBLIC EXPENDITURES

No power has constituted the members of the tax commission guardians of the public in respect to expenditures for the support of government, and they have no disposition to assume that role. Nevertheless, "economy being a most essential virtue in all states," and it being "the duty of legislatures and magistrates — to countenance and inculcate the principles of economy," all as set forth in the constitution of this state, the commissioners believe themselves to be amply justified in urging as they have so often urged before, the importance of this subject upon all voters of the state. The public revenue, state and municiple, is the voters' business and they are responsible, directly or indirectly, for every extravagance affecting it from the inception to the termination of the fund.

Every compulsory contribution levied by the public authority upon the people or property is in the broad sense of the term a tax, nor is it made less obnoxious or burdensome if called a fee or a fine. In the figures that follow therefore, all fees, fines, and other exactions, if any, are included with the taxes upon polls and estates. To illustrate the comparative importance of the two classes, it may be said that the taxes upon polls and estates represent about 95 per cent. and all other income about 5 per cent. of the total revenue of the state, and of the counties, cities, towns, districts and precincts therein.

Taxes as defined above have increased by leaps and bounds in recent years. In 1903 the sum of all taxes assessed by and within the state of New Hampshire was \$5,373,420.22; in 1913 it was \$8,765,039.07, an increase of \$3,391,618.85, or 63 per cent., in ten years. But these figures do not adequately represent the velocity the upward movement has now attained. To show that it is necessary to divide the ten-year period: The levy in 1908 was \$924,388.79, or 17 per cent. greater than in

1903, while that in 1913 was \$2,467,230.06, or 39 per cent. greater than in 1908. By so much did the advance in the last half of said period exceed that in the first half. These figures will be the more alarming if it is remembered that while taxes already sufficiently heavy were advancing 63 per cent., the population of the state increased only about $4\frac{1}{2}$ per cent., and while the one was advancing 39 per cent., the other increased only about $2\frac{1}{4}$ per cent.

It is instructive to study the subject from another angle. In the ten years from 1904 to 1914, both inclusive, the annual increase in all taxes defined and limited as above was as follows :

1904	\$34,459.91
1905	286,590.14
1906	115,468.39
1907	411,257.46
1908	76,612.89
1909	539,995.97
1910	787,565.31
1911	215,848.50
1912	296,216.85
1913	627,603.43

The average yearly increase for the whole period was \$336,561.85. The upward trend is more plainly shown, however, by dividing, as before, the ten year period in the middle and considering the halves separately. For the first five years the average annual increase was \$184,877.76; for the last five years it was \$493,446.01. It is surely pertinent to consider how long the little state of New Hampshire, almost stationary in wealth, can sustain a tax already burdensome and increasing at the rate of practically half a million dollars a year without crippling her industries and impoverishing her people. Plainly it is a condition not calculated to attract capital from without the state or to encourage business within the same.

From the *per capita* standpoint the situation is not less disturbing. In 1903 there were assessed \$12.88 in taxes for each man, woman and child in the state. Five years later there were assessed \$14.75 for each individual, and in five years more \$20.09. If in 1913 taxes had been equally distributed

among all the people it would have meant a burden of \$100 for each family of five members. Though in reality there was little such equality in the assessment there was much in the payment. The fact is that those who occupy, use or consume property no matter who owns it, are those who in the last analysis pay most, if not all, of the taxes thereon. If the wage earner or the man of limited means understood he was in reality paying something like \$100 a year in state and municipal and half as much more in federal taxes for the government of himself, his wife and three children his influence and his vote would more frequently make for economy in appropriations and expenditures than heretofore.

No statistics for the year 1914 appear in the above paragraphs for the reason that they are not yet at hand except in part.

FINANCIAL REPORT OF SCHOOL BOARD

For the Year Ending Feb. 15, 1915.

Balance in Treasury of district, Feb. 15, 1914,	\$ 10 92
Appropriations for Schools,	1,100 00
" " supplies,	50 00
Interest on School fund,	18 00
Dog licenses of 1913,	44 67
Literary fund,	56 76
Tuition from Town of Sullivan, Spring term,	36 00
" " " Alstead, 1913,	20 25
Appropriation for Tuitions,	66 66
Salaries of School Officers,	77 00
Appropriation for U. S. Flag,	3 25
" " Insurance,	22 00
Received from the State,	236 47
Tuition from Alstead, Spring term,	9 00
Sale of Book,	30
Received from Town, balance on Tuitions,	53 31
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Total disbursements,	<hr/> 1,784 12
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Balance in Treasury of district, Feb. 15, 1915,	\$20 47
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RECAPITULATION

Teachers' Salaries,	\$984 50
Tuitions,	119 97
Conveyance,	321 65
Janitor,	53 00
Fuel,	99 50

Repairs,	22 51
Cleaning,	12 00
Supplies,	65 16
Telephoning,	1 10
Express and Postage,	1 28
Enumeration of Pupils,	2 00
Salaries of School Board,	60 00
Treasurer,	5 00
Truant Officers,	10 00
Clerk and Auditor, One dollar each,	2 00
Insurance,	21 45
Flag,	3 00
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	\$1,784 12

EXPENDITURES

Stella T. Britton,	teaching 32 weeks,	\$320 00
Mildred G. Hardy,	teaching 32 weeks,	384 00
Ethel Bidwell,	teaching 2 weeks,	16 00
Gertrude M. Gorman,	teaching 22 weeks,	188 00
Velma Newton,	teaching 8 weeks,	72 00
Anna E. Flagg, for Myrtle Guillo,	4 2-5 weeks,	4 50
The Boston Regalia Co.,	one U. S. Flag,	3 00
Paid for Tuitions,		
Union School District, Keene,		119 97
Paid for Conveyance,		
William Woods,		116 90
Thomas Nichols,		201 50
Of Teachers,		3 25
Janitor Work,		
J. H. Laing, spring, fall and winter term,		40 00
Loren Chapin, west part, spring term,		3 00
F. P. Crain, west part, fall term,		5 50
Velma Newton, west part, winter term,		4 50

Wood

Fred H. Britton, 23 cords wood,	92 00
Lowell White, sawing 10 cords wood,	5 00
J. H. Laing, storing 10 cords wood,	2 50
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	\$99 50

I. A. Loveland, Insurance on Village school-house, 21 45
Cleaning

J. H. Laing, cleaning village school rooms,	7 50
Charlie H. Blake, cleaning outhouses,	2 00
F. P. Crain, cleaning school rooms and outhouse,	2 50

Repairs

Phil Carroll, work on chimney,	4 87
John E. Isham, work on chimney,	1 58
J. H. Laing, on fence and work at west school-house,	7 25

F. A. Wilder, bag cement,	65
“ “ 4 lights glass,	63
“ “ can putty,	06
“ “ 6 curtains,	1 50
“ “ padlock,	20
F. P. Crain, door-handle,	30
A. D. Wright, making cupboard and lumber,	5 47

SUPPLIES

Edward E. Babb & Co.

3 Fry's 1st. Steps Geographys	\$ 88
7 “ “ Grammar	3 94
5 Mont. Am. Histories,	2 25
5 Barnes' “ “	2 25
6 Dole's “ Citizens',	2 16
7 Davidson Physiologies,	4 67
5 Metcalf Grammers,	1 35
F. A. Owen	
Supplementary Reading	1 92
W. H. Spalter	
29 Packs Arithmetic paper,	4 86
3 Gross Lead Pencils,	8 00
2 “ Dustless Crayons,	75

5½ Doz. Spelling blanks,	2 48
10 First Readers,	3 30
11 Primers,	3 52
4 Second Reader,	1 60
14 Third Readers,	7 80
4 Barnes' Histories,	2 40
3 Geographys,	1 90
Composition paper,	3 28
100 Enumeration cards,	65
10 Ink crystals,	1 00
4 Doz. Pen-holders,	72
Order book,	1 00
36 Report Cards,	45
Pkg Drawing paper,	88
3 School warrants,	15
F. A. Wilder	
2 Brooms,	65
Wash basin,	15
Dust pan,	10
Fire shovel,	10
Telephoning,	1 10
Express and Postage,	1 28
Enumeration of pupils.	2 00
Salaries of School Board,	60 00
Treasurer,	5 00
Clerk and Auditor,	2 00
Truant Officer,	10 00
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	\$1,784 12

Respectfully submitted,

ARABELLA E. CRAIN. }
 JOHN H. LAING, } School Board
 AARON W. FIELD, }

Cheshire County, } ss
 Town of Gilsum }

This is to certify that I have examined and Audited the above accounts of School Board of Town of Gilsum and find them correct.

WM. WOODS,
 School Auditor.

REPORT OF SCHOOL DISTRICT TREASURER.

1914				
Feb. 15	Balance in Treasury			10.92
	Received, Alstead Tuition			20.25
1915				
Feb. 15	"	"	"	9.00
"	"	Sullivan	"	36.00
"	"	Sale of Books		.30
"	"	Selectmen		<u>1728.12</u>
	Total Receipts			1804.59
	Paid out by order of School Board			<u>1784.12</u>
	Balance in Treasury, Feb. 15, 1915			\$ 20.47

O. H. Hubbard, Treas.

Estimated Amt. needed for School Purposes, Year 1915

Schools,	\$1,000 00
Balance Tuitions,	53 31
Tuitions,	169 69
Supplies,	50 00
Sararies of Officers,	77 00
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	\$1,350 00

ROLL OF HONOR
ROLL OF PERFECT ATTENDANCE
GRAMMAR SCHOOL

SPRING TERM

Clarence Caldwell	Theodore Nichols
Merton Wheeler	Raymond Wheeler
Florence Bates	Myrtle Corey
Iva Thayer	Mildred Wilder,

FALL TERM

Myrtle Corey	Nora Stebbins
Iva Thayer	Bernard Pratt
Agnes White	Dana Kau
Theodore Nichols	Alonzo Porter
Harold White	Eleanor Blake (Tardy once)

WINTER TERM

Golddena Heath	Grace Howard
Nellie Howard	Elizabeth Hulslander
Emma Larsman	Iva Thayer
Dana Kau	Theodore Nichols
Eleanor Blake(tardy once)	Raymond Wheeler(twice)

PRIMARY SCHOOL

SPRING TERM

Roy Kau	Otto Larsman
Lawrence Nichols	John Pletzner
Eleanor Blake	Doris Wilder

FALL TERM

Roy Kau	Lawrence Nichols
John Pletzner	Viola Porter
Doris Wilder	Florence Wright
Bernice Ballou	

WINTER TERM

Robert Adams
Edward Hulslander
Doris Wilder

John Pletzner
Bernice Ballou
Florence Wright

WEST SCHOOL

SPRING TERM

Gladys Britton
Edith Hall

Beatrice Britton

FALL TERM

Clifford Sping
Gladys Britton
Edythe Corey

Beatrice Britton
Edith Hall

WINTER TERM

Willie J. Chapin

Beatrice Britton(tardy once)

PERFECT FOR WHOLE YEAR

Iva Thayer
Doris Wilder

Theodoe Nichols
John Pletzner

STATISTICAL TABLE

SCHOOL	TERM	NAME OF TEACHER	No. Weeks	No. Scholars	Wages per month	Visits by Board	Other Visitors	Perfect attendance	Average membership	Average daily Attendance	Average daily Absence	Per cent attendance
Grammar	Spring	Stella I. Britton	12	27	\$40	5	52	8	25.75	23.75	2.00	91—
Grammar	Fall	Stella I. Britton	11	34	40	2	33	10	31.33	29.40	1.93	94
Grammar	Winter	Stella I. Britton	9	33	40	4	36	8	31.17	28.19	2.98	91—
Primary	Spring	G. Mildred Hardy	12	31	48	4	40	6	31.00	26.78	4.22	86
Primary	Fall	G. Mildred Hardy	11	22	48	4	25	7	23.58	23.98	2.60	89
Primary	Winter	G. Mildred Hardy	9	21	48	3	24	6	20.53	16.60	3.93	81
West	Spring	Gertrude M. Gorman	12	22	32	4	17	3	19.53	17.58	2.64	90
West	Fall	Gertrude M. Gorman	11	21	36	2	3	4	18.21	18.3	3.00	85—
West	Winter	Velma M. Newton	9	21	36	6	4	1	20.00	15.86	4.14	79

VITAL STATISTICS.

To The Selectmen :

In compliance with an act of the legislature, passed June session, 1887, amended by the legislature of 1899, requiring "clerks of towns and cities to furnish a transcript of the record of births, marriages and deaths to the municipal officers for publication in the Annual Report," I hereby submit the following :

BIRTHS REGISTERED IN THE TOWN OF GILSUM, N. H., FOR THE YEAR ENDING DEC. 31, 1914

Date of Birth	Name of Child (If any)	Sex and Condition			Name of Father.	Maiden Name of Mother.	Occupation of Father.	Birthplace of Father.	Birthplace of Mother.
		Male or Female.	Living or Still born.	No. of Child 1st, 2d etc.					
Jan. 8	Melvin Wright	M	L	3	Arthur D. Wright	Mary A. Adams	Carpenter	Gilsum, N. H.	Venia Ohio
" 23	Floyd Britton	M	L	1	Carl P. Britton	Rube M. Beckwith	Teamster	East Alstead, N. H.	Gilsum, N. H.
Feb. 13	Alfred J. Porter	M	L	4	Elmer A. Porter	Mary J. Smith	Mill-hand	Alstead N. H.	Alstead, N. H.
Mar. 28	Florence E. Wetherbee	F	L	3	Alfred E. Wetherbee	Daisy E. Whitnult	Laborer	Enfield, Mass.	E. Leverett, Mass.
Apr. 30	John Kroncwnoo, Jr.	M	L	1	John Kroncwnoo	Delia Koclwete	Miner	Leterland	Russia
May 22	Phyllis A. Howard	F	L	2	George H. Howard	Anna Gunn	Farmer	Keene, N. H.	Richmond, N. H.
" 28	Frederick L. Chamberlain	M	L	7	Geo. F. Chamberlain	Ida M. Kenney	"	Nashua, N. H.	Surry, N. H.
Sept. 23	Dorothy E. Smith	F	L	12	Austin G. Smith	Lillian Harvey	"	Putney, Vt.	Putney, Vt.
" 30	Annie A. Thayer	F	L	2	Albert L. Thayer	Alice M. Hayward	"	East Alstead, N. H.	Peterboro, N. H.
Oct. 13	Morris H. Pennock	M	L	1	Herbert A. Pennock	Minnie D. Barrett	Teamster	Groton, Vt.	Lisbon, N. H.

MARRIAGES REGISTERED IN THE TOWN OF GILSUM, N. H., FOR THE YEAR ENDING DEC. 31, 1914

Date of Mar- riage.	Place of Marriage	Name and Surname of Bride and Groom.	Residence of each at time of Marriage	Age each yrs	Occupation of Groom and Bride	Place of birth of each.	Names of Parents	Birthplace of Parents	Condition.	Name, Residence and Official Station of person by whom married.
May 20	Gilsum, N. H.	Elwin Sew'd Hastings Hazel Winifred Isham	Keene, N. H. Gilsum, N. H.	24 26	Hillay Engineer Stenographer	Keene, N. H. Gilsum, N. H.	Frank L. Hastings Lora L. Seward John E. Isham Winifred B. Cuthbert	Roxbury, N. H. Sullivan, " Gilsum, " Woodstock, Vt. Canada	1st 1st	Josiah L. Seward Keene, N. H.
May 16	Bellows Falls, Vt	Allie J. Pomlow Effe L. Maloney	Gilsum, N. H. Gilsum, N. H.	38 44	Overseer, w'vg Housekeeper	Skowhegan, Me. M. Hudson, N. Y.	Joseph Pomlow Pauline Butler Lawrence A. Gravlins William W. Crosby	" Boquet, N. Y. Schroon, N. Y. Chicago, Illinois	2 d. 2 d.	George W. Buck Bellows Falls, Vt.
Oct. 24	Keene, N. H.	Elmer Eugene Crosby Jessie Belle Burby	Keene, N. H. Gilsum, N. H.	24 23	Teemster Housework	M. Salem, M. H. Gilsum, N. H.	Elizabeth Stone David J. Burby Cora M. Howard	Derry, N. H. Canada, N. H. Gilsum, N. H.	1st 1st	Josiah L. Seward Keene, N. H.
Dec. 1	Keene, N. H.	Frederick J. Clark Mary T. Allen	Gilsum, N. H. Surry, N. H.	23 30	Teamster Housework	Alstead, N. H. Bellows Falls, Vt.	Frank Clark Laura V. French George W. Allen Mary E. Trask	Walpole, N. H. Alstead, " Holland, Vt. Keene, N. H.	1st 1st	Edward F. Miller Keene, N. H.

DEATHS REGISTERED IN THE TOWN OF GILSUM, N. H., FOR THE YEAR ENDING DEC. 31, 1914

Date of Death	Name and Surname of the Deceased.	Age.			Place of Birth.	Sex and Condition		Place of Birth.		Name of Father.	Maiden Name of Mother.
		Years.	Months.	Days.		Male or Female.	S, M., W.*	Father.	Mother.		
Jan. 27	Floyd Britton			3	Gilsum, N. H.	M		E. Alstead, N. H.	Gilsum, N. H.	Carl P. Britton	Rule M. Beckwith
Feb. 18	Alfred J. Porter			5	Gilsum, N. H.	M		Alstead, N. H.	Alstead, N. H.	Elmer A. Porter	Mary J. Smith
Mar. 6	Sarah M. Fletcher	74	6	18	Cannan, N. H.	F				Cyrus Richardson	Louisa Simonds
Mar. 28	Pamela S. Alexander	70	4	12	Acworth, N. H.	F	Wid'r			Josepe P. Bignall	Harriet C. Beckwith
Nov. 4	Charles G. Wilder	44	3	20	Gilsum, N. H.	M	Wid'r	Sullivan, N. H.	Buffalo, N. Y.	Lansing W. Wilder	Mary A. Harris
Dec. 22	Lorenzo G. Thurston	66	10	26		M					

*Single, married or widowed.

I hereby certify that the foregoing transcript of births, marriages and deaths is correct according to the best of my knowledge and belief. JOHN H. LAING, Ass't Town Clerk

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